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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 26 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED RESPECTIVELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government and pursuant to our previous letters concerning the launching by United States and British aircraft of incendiary flares on cultivated fields situated in the Governorate of Ninawa, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter on the matter dated 25 August 1992 and addressed to you by Mr. Mohamed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 25 August 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq

Following our letters dated 23 and 28 June 1992 and 22 July 1992, I have the honour to inform you that, on 16 August 1992, United States and British aircraft launched incendiary flares on the village of Ghozeil Saghir (Muhallabiya subdistrict, Governorate of Ninawa), setting fire to haystacks, and released smoke bombs in the same area on shepherds, thus terrifying the population.

These last incidents confirm both the determination of the United States and British Governments to harm Iraq and its population and undermine the sovereignty and security of the country, and their complete scorn for international law and international instruments.

The Iraqi Government once again holds the United States and British Governments entirely responsible for these acts, which are prohibited by the international community, which we have already reported in our three previous letters. It again asks the Security Council to condemn such acts and call upon the United States and British Governments to put an end to them and make compensation for the material damage incurred as a result by Iraq and its population.

(Signed) Mohamed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Iraq